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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 1, 2002

Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 1, 2002, the applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks that follow. Marked-up copies of the requested amendments can be found in the attached appendix. Accompanying this response please find the requisite petition for an extension of time and appropriate fee therefor. The Commissioner is authorized to debit any fees underpaid or credit any fees overpaid to Deposit Account No. 13-2940.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the specification as follows, without disclaimer of any subject matter, without prejudice to future prosecution, or without presumption that the actions are taken for any reason related to patentability:

Please delete the paragraph on page 1 at lines 5-17 and insert therefor "Not Applicable."